



# Department of the Interior Recovery Investments *Investing in America's Economic Recovery*



## Renewable Energy Authorizations

### Need

The growing need for energy will require aggressive development of alternative energy sources. BLM-Arizona is proposing to encourage this in two ways: focused processing for right of way applications for solar energy generation, and redevelopment of damaged lands from past unregulated mining activities to serve the purpose of providing alternative energy sources. These projects are collectively known as the Brownfields projects.

### Recovery Act Funding

BLM-Arizona has been allocated \$6,653,000 for six Renewable Energy User Authorization projects. The funding will be used to develop renewable energy programs, update electronic data and processes for application processing, and complete required environmental studies and analysis. The Restoration Design Energy Project, 1 of the 6 projects, will provide public scoping and environmental studies for redevelopment of damaged lands to serve the purpose of providing alternative energy. Multiple contracts and incentives will be used to accomplish these projects.



### Benefits

These projects are the foundation of the Arizona's renewable energy program. The projects will use the latest technologies and focus on renewable energy systems. Solar technologies will consider other land uses and water availability at a particular site. Current proposed sites for wind power in Arizona experience more consistent, stronger winds than found in other Southwest locations. Monitoring of local weather conditions would be required to quantify the suitability of the sites for wind energy development.



### More Information

There will be an opportunity in the near future for interested parties to engage in the Brownfields effort.

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